Cases pending in the Neyyattinkara and Kuzhittura Munsiffs' Courts.

238. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to arrears in the Neyyattinkara and Kuzhittura Munsiffs' Courts:—

(*a*) the number of original suits as well as small cause suits pending in the Additional and Principal Courts in Neyyattinkara when the Additional Court was transferred to Kuzhittura, and the number of cases pending in the Kuzhittura Munsiff's Court at that time; and

(*b*) the number of cases, original suits as well as small causes, now (25-9-1110) pending in—

(i) the Neyyattinkara Principal Munsiff's Court,

(ii) the Kuzhittura Principal Munsiff's Court, and

(iii) the Kuzhittura Additional Munsiff's Court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) * Statements I and II containing the required information are laid on the table.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know what is the cause for the larger increase of cases in the District Munsiff's Court at Kuzhitturai?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because more suits were filed during that period.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Are the Government in a position to tell me why such a huge number of cases is pending decision in spite of the transfer of a court from Neyyattinkara?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not enquired into the matter.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Are the Government aware that the original suits numbering 676 and pending decision in the Additional Munsiff's Court, Kuzhitturai, are the oldest pending suits?

RAO SAHIB. DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): This is what I find from the departmental report of the Judiciary for 1109, which says —

> "Suits of more than two years' standing rose from 5,969 to 6,042 in 1109, that is, by 73. Kuzhittura left the heaviest arrears of suits of more than two years' standing *viz.*, 438".

In view of that, do Government consider it necessary to continue the additional court till the arrears are cleared off?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have decided to continue the court for the next year and whether it should be continued after that has not been settled.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I take it that the consideration of the question will be based upon the then state of pendency in that court?

PRESIDENT: Naturally that will depend upon the circumstances prevailing at the time.

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Kuzhittura Additional Munsiff's Court is a permanent court or a temporary court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): *This* is a temporary one at Kuzhittura.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the court is known by the name of Additional Munsiff's Court, Kuzhittura?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Additional Munsiff's Court at Neyyattinkara was transferred to Kuzhittura, temporarily.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that court is a permanent or a temporary court? I do not want to know about the arrangements.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is the Additional Munsiff's Court at Neyyattinkara that has been transferred temporarily to Kuzhittura

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why a permanent court was transferred for a temporary purpose?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At that time Government thought that there was not enough work for both the courts at Neyyattinkara and so one of them was transferred to Kuzhittura.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is a Temporary Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there was any suggestion that the temporary court at Nedumangad should be transferred to Kuzhittura and the additional court—

PRESIDENT: I am afraid these questions do not arise on the question now before us. All courts in the Travancore State cannot now be dragged into this question.

Koran in Schools.

239. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a separate shelf or box is kept, in each school where there is Arabic instruction, for keeping the copies of the Holy Koran brought by students?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether instruction in Arabic is given in order to teach Koran, or whether Koran is being taught as a means of giving instruction in Arabic, or whether both are the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is really the teaching of Arabic through the Koran.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is the teaching of the Koran necessary for Arabic instruction?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, I presume it is.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to question No 238**

No. I.

Statement showing the pendency of Original and Small Cause Suits in the Neyyatinkara Principal and Additional Munsiffs' Courts and in the Kuzhittura Munsiff's Court when the Additional Munsiff's Court was shifted to Kuzhittura.

Name of the Court.	No. of cases pending		Remarks.
	O. S.	S. C. S.	
Principal Munsiff's Court, Neyyattinkara.	319	41	
Additional Do.	352	70	
District Munsiff's Court, Kuzhittura.	1,303	195	

No. II.

Statement showing the pendency of Original and Small Cause Suits in the following Munsiffs' Courts on 25-9-1110.

Name of the Court.	No. of cases pending		Remarks.
	O. S.	S. C. S.	
District Munsiff's Court, Neyyattinkara.	1,578	545	
Principal Munsiff's Court, Kuzhittura.	1,246	111	
Additional Do. Do.	676	9	

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